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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : OC Equipment Board Members

DATE: 21 September 1977

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FROM :   
OC Equipment Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of OC Equipment Board  
Meeting No. 7-77

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1.  Meeting No. 7-77 of the OC Equipment Board was held on 13 September 1977 in the D/CO Conference Room. The following persons attended:

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Mr.	<input type="text"/>	DD/CO	Chairman
Mr.	<input type="text"/>	OC-O	Member
Mr.	<input type="text"/>	OC-E	Member
Mr.	<input type="text"/>	OC-CMD	Member
Mr.	<input type="text"/>	OC-CS	Member
Mr.	<input type="text"/>	OC-P&B	Member
Mr.	<input type="text"/>	OC-PS	Alternate
Mr.	<input type="text"/>	OC-E	Guest
Mr.	<input type="text"/>	OC-E (SAFE)	Guest
Mr.	<input type="text"/>	OC-E	Guest
Mr.	<input type="text"/>	OC-E	Secretary

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2.  The Chairman opened the meeting and requested a status report on the Field Station Unattended Operation (FSUO). Mr.  responded and said that a joint committee composed of Ops and Engineering representatives is gathering data from the OC field stations to determine the most likely sites for FSUO. A Cost Benefit Analysis on FSUO has been prepared and distributed to the Equipment Board Members.

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has been chosen as the next test site with testing starting approximately 1 November. The equipment used in the  test is being refurbished and will be shipped to  shortly. There appears to be a total of approximately  stations worldwide that would benefit from FSUO.

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3.  The discussion commenced and the Chairman asked what, if any, savings would result from FSUO? Mr.  said there would not be any personnel savings, only a reduction in station coverage time. Mr.  added there would be

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25X1 no general savings and FSUO couldn't be used in MRS stations.  
Mr. [ ] inquired if [ ] could get an agreement to  
change the MRS operation at those stations. At this point,  
a question was raised concerning the confusion in names of  
this system and it was decided to use "Unattended Operation  
Terminal (UOT)" from now on.

25X1 4. [ ] In the continued discussion, Mr. [ ] mentioned 25X1  
that the UOT should allow the operators more time for other  
demands, such as maintenance, and there would be longer periods  
25X1 in the day when both the operators would be on duty. Mr.  
25X1 [ ] said the [ ] UOT test should be interesting as  
there have been complaints of late delivery of traffic at  
that station. He also asked what provisions have been made  
for technician training on UOT. Mr. [ ] answered that 25X1  
the recorder/controller was being spared to enable repair by  
board replacement and the M-40 maintenance is presently being  
taught at [ ] added that there were several other  
25X1 aspects which must be examined before UOT's can go into wide-  
25X1 spread use. One of these being the type of crypto used in  
the Block countries. Mr. [ ] asked if this might not be a  
good time to review the worldwide KW-7 Conversion Plan, and  
does SB still require traffic flow security? Mr. [ ] 25X1  
replied that the up-coming KG-84 may solve these problems.  
The Chairman asked how does FASTCAST compare with UOT?  
25X1 Mr. [ ] responded that FASTCAST is being planned for use at  
SKYLINK Field Stations and UOT is intended for landline  
stations.

25X1 5. [ ] The next item on the agenda was a briefing on 25X1  
the status of the SAFE Project by Mr. [ ]  
25X1 Mr. [ ] reported that the two SAFE Study Contractors have  
been chosen and the contracts should be signed shortly. The  
FY-79 funds requested for initial hardware procurement were  
cut by Congress, and since Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)  
is requesting funds to develop a similar system, ADIS, Congress  
requested the two projects be combined. The DCI agree with  
this request and members of the DIA staff developing ADIS will  
join the SAFE Project staff in January 1978. One of the  
proposed features of ADIS is a worldwide system of data  
terminals located in each of the [ ] 25X1  
Now that DIA has been brought into the development, the Project  
will be delayed at least a year. Also the Mitre "Bus Distri-  
bution System" which is part of the SAFE development is now  
being tested and demonstrated.

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6. ☐ The last item on the agenda, New Commo Systems Impact on Personnel, was addressed by Mr. ☐ This was discussed in an earlier meeting and in other memos. The problem is that even after new automated systems, which should reduce the need for operations personnel, are installed in OC facilities, the requirements for personnel increase. It appears that OC has not followed up and forced personnel cuts after new systems go on line. In the following discussion, it was pointed out that Operations must decide which old systems should be removed when new ones are put in. It was agreed that closer management was necessary in these situations and that OC-O and OC-CMD must enforce this discipline of personnel reductions whenever possible.

7. ☐ Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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